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4	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
5	PLAI NTI FF,
6)) Casa No. 4:12 CD 251 CEI
7	vs.) Case No. 4:12-CR-251-CEJ)
8	JOHN BAILEY,)
9	DEFENDANT.
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1	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI; SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
2	10:00 a.m.
3	CHANGE OF PLEA HEARING
4	THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, have you received a copy of
5	the indictment?
6	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
7	THE COURT: Count 1 charges you with conspiracy to
8	possess with intent to distribute anabolic steroids, and
9	that's a violation of Title 21 United States Code Section
10	846. Do you understand the charge in Count 1?
11	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
12	THE COURT: Count Two charges you with conspiracy to
13	commit money laundering, and that is a violation of Title 18
14	United States Code Section 1956(h). Do you understand?
15	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
16	THE COURT: There is also a forfeiture allegation in
17	the indictment that alleges that certain property, including
18	currency, was used in or represented the proceeds of the
19	unlawful transactions alleged in this indictment. Do you
20	understand the forfeiture allegation?
21	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
22	THE COURT: What is your plea to Counts 1 and 2 and
23	the forfeiture allegation?
24	THE DEFENDANT: Guilty, ma'am.
25	THE COURT: I have to ask you some questions before

1 I can accept your guilty plea; and I'd like you to give your answers under oath. So would you please raise your right 2 hand? 3 (Whereupon, the defendant was sworn.) 4 THE COURT: Now that you've taken the oath, you have 5 6 to give true answers to my questions. If you don't tell the truth, you could be prosecuted for perjury or for making a 7 false statement. Do you understand? 8 Yes. ma'am. THE DEFENDANT: 9 10 THE COURT: Let me know if you would like me to 11 repeat a question or to explain a question to you. And if you want to talk to your lawyer before you give an answer, 12 13 just tell me; and I'll give you time to speak with him. Al l 14 right? 15 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you. 16 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, how old are you? 17 THE DEFENDANT: I'm 38 years old, ma'am. 18 What is your educational background? THE COURT: 19 THE DEFENDANT: I have a GED with some college. 20 THE COURT: Do you have any health problems? 21 THE DEFENDANT: No. ma'am. 22 THE COURT: Have you taken any prescription medicine 23 or over-the-counter medicine in the last 24 hours? 24 THE DEFENDANT: I've taken sinus medication, and 25 I've taken Ambien which is prescribed to me by a doctor.

1	THE COURT: I'm sorry. What was the second one,
2	si r?
3	THE DEFENDANT: Ambi en.
4	THE COURT: And what is Ambien for?
5	THE DEFENDANT: It's a sleep accelerator.
6	THE COURT: Are these the only medicines you've
7	taken in the last 24 hours?
8	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
9	THE COURT: Do either of these medicines, either the
10	sinus medicine or the Ambien, have any adverse effects on
11	you?
12	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
13	THE COURT: Do you feel drowsy or sleepy or anything
14	like that this morning?
15	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
16	THE COURT: Are you feeling all right this morning?
17	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
18	THE COURT: Have you used any illegal drugs or drunk
19	any alcohol in the last 24 hours?
20	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
21	THE COURT: Have you ever been diagnosed with a
22	mental illness?
23	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
24	THE COURT: Have you ever consulted a psychologist
25	or therapist or any mental health professional for any

1	reason?
2	THE DEFENDANT: Anger management, ma'am.
3	THE COURT: And when was that?
4	THE DEFENDANT: 2006, ma'am.
5	THE COURT: Were you prescribed any medication for
6	that condition?
7	THE DEFENDANT: At the time, yeah, I was taking
8	Xanax.
9	THE COURT: Are you still receiving treatment for
10	anger management?
11	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
12	THE COURT: When did you stop?
13	THE DEFENDANT: My anger management ended 2008.
14	THE COURT: I'm sorry?
15	THE DEFENDANT: 2008. I was receiving the anger
16	management counselling through the federal bureau of prisons.
17	The counselor determined, along with my Probation Officer
18	Raoul Williams, that further counselling was unnecessary.
19	THE COURT: Is that the only mental health treatment
20	you' ve recei ved?
21	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
22	THE COURT: Do you understand why you're here this
23	morni ng?
24	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
25	THE COURT: Do you understand the purpose of this

1 heari ng? Yes, ma'am. THE DEFENDANT: 2 Mr. Kessler, do you have any reason to 3 THE COURT: doubt your client's mental competence? 4 No. Your Honor. 5 MR. KESSLER: 6 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, have you had enough time to talk to your lawyer about this case? 7 THE DEFENDANT: 8 Yes. ma'am. 9 THE COURT: Have you talked to him about whether or 10 not you should plead guilty? 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: Are you satisfied with the legal 12 representation that you've received? 13 14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 15 THE COURT: By pleading guilty, you are giving up 16 your right to a speedy and public jury trial. Do you 17 understand? 18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 19 If there were a trial, you would be THE COURT: entitled to the presumption of innocence. You would not have 20 21 the burden of proving to the jury that you are innocent. 22 you understand? 23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do. 24 THE COURT: The government would have the burden of 25 proving your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt if there were a

1 trial. Do you understand? Yes. ma'am. 2 THE DEFENDANT: 3 THE COURT: You would have the right to be present 4 in the courtroom throughout the trial and the right to 5 cross-examine all of the government's witnesses. Do you understand? 6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 7 8 THE COURT: You would also have the right to call witnesses to testify in your defense. And if you needed the 9 10 Court to issue subpoenas or other process to compel your 11 witnesses to come here, the Court would provide that service 12 to you free of charge. Do you understand? 13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 14 THE COURT: You would have the right to testify and 15 the right not to testify if there were a trial. Do you 16 understand? 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 18 THE COURT: If you chose not to testify, the jury 19 could not take that into consideration in deciding whether 20 you are guilty or not guilty. Do you understand? 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 22 THE COURT: The next time you come to court will be 23 for sentencing. You will not have a trial. Do you 24 understand? 25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

1 THE COURT: You will have to admit that you 2 committed the crimes charged in Counts 1 and 2 of the 3 indictment. Do you understand that? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 4 THE COURT: Do you have any questions about the 5 6 rights that you're giving up by pleading guilty? THE DEFENDANT: 7 No. ma'am. 8 THE COURT: Now that you know what you're giving up, do you still want to plead guilty? 9 THE DEFENDANT: 10 Yes. ma'am. 11 THE COURT: Has anyone made any threats to you to 12 force you to plead guilty? 13 THE DEFENDANT: No. ma'am. 14 THE COURT: Has anyone made a promise to you about 15 what your sentence will be? 16 THE DEFENDANT: No. ma'am. 17 Apart from the plea agreement that you THE COURT: 18 have with the government, have any promises been made to you 19 in exchange for your guilty plea? 20 THE DEFENDANT: No. ma'am. 21 Are you pleading guilty voluntarily? THE COURT: 22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 23 THE COURT: I'd like you to take a look at this 24 document, Mr. Bailey. It's called Guilty Plea Agreement. Is25 that your signature on page 16, which is the last page of

1 this document? 2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am, it is. 3 THE COURT: Before you signed this document, did you discuss it with your lawyer? 4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 5 THE COURT: Did you read the document? 6 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 8 THE COURT: Do you understand what it says? Yes, ma'am, I do. THE DEFENDANT: 9 10 THE COURT: Does this document contain all of the 11 agreements between you and the government concerning this 12 case? 13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. THE COURT: I believe there may be a typographical 14 15 error on page seven. Under the penalties for Count two, I 16 believe the fine isn't more than \$500,000 or twice the value 17 of the property. 18 MS. WINFIELD: Your Honor, can we write it on your 19 copy and then initial it? 20 THE COURT: That's fine. 21 Mr. Bailey, there is a typographical error on page 22 seven of the plea agreement in the description of the 23 penalties for Count Two. And I understand that the 24 correction to that penalty section has been made in 25 handwriting and on the plea agreement. Have you reviewed

1 that change with --Yes. ma'am. 2 THE DEFENDANT: Just now. 3 THE COURT: And do you understand why that change 4 was made? It's really a correction more so than a change. 5 Do you understand that? 6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: And have you initialled the handwriting 7 8 on that page to indicate your agreement with it? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have, ma'am. 9 10 THE COURT: 0kay. Thank you. 11 According to the plea agreement, in exchange for your guilty plea to Counts 1 and 2 and the forfeiture, the 12 13 government has agreed that it will not bring any further 14 federal prosecution against you in the Eastern District of 15 Missouri relative to your involvement in the charged 16 conspiracies and related or accompanying financial charges as 17 set forth in the indictment. 18 Is that a correct statement of what the government 19 has agreed to do? 20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am, it is. 21 THE COURT: In this document, you've agreed to 22 forfeit or give up all interest that you have in certain 23 property that is described in the forfeiture allegations of 24 the complaint -- I'm sorry -- of the indictment and on page

two of the plea agreement. Is that correct?

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1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 2 THE COURT: By agreeing to the forfeiture that means 3 that the property will not be returned to you. Do you understand? 4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 5 6 MR. KESSLER: Judge, for the record, that was all 7 property of Mr. Campbell's, which we make no claim against in 8 any event. 9 THE COURT: So Mr. Bailey is not making any claim to 10 any of the property described in the forfeiture allegation? 11 MR. KESSLER: That's correct. 12 THE COURT: Is that right, Mr. Bailey? 13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am, that's correct. 14 THE COURT: All right, good. 15 In this document, Mr. Bailey, you have agreed to 16 give up your right to appeal all nonjurisdictional and 17 nonsentencing issues. Is that right? 18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 19 THE COURT: You've also agreed to give up your right 20 to appeal the sentence if the sentence is within or below the 21 range based on the Sentencing Guidelines that you and the 22 government have agreed to. Is that correct? 23 THE DEFENDANT: That's correct, ma'am. 24 THE COURT: You are reserving your right to appeal 25 any issue concerning your criminal history. Is that correct?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. You've agreed in this document to give 2 THE COURT: 3 up your right to challenge your conviction and sentence in a 4 post-conviction, proceeding unless the challenge is based on a claim of prosecutorial misconduct or ineffective assistance 5 6 of counsel. Is that correct? 7 THE DEFENDANT: That's correct. 8 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, I am not a party to and I am not bound by any agreement that you and the government have 9 10 reached in this case. Do you understand? 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am, I do. 12 THE COURT: Specifically, I am not required to 13 follow any recommendations that you and the government make 14 concerning the Sentencing Guidelines. Do you understand 15 that? 16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, ma'am. 17 THE COURT: I will determine the Sentencing 18 Guidelines that apply in this case and how they apply. And 19 if you disagree with my determination, that will not give you 20 the right to withdraw your guilty plea. Do you understand? 21 THE DEFENDANT: I understand. ma'am. 22 THE COURT: If you receive a sentence that is worse 23 than you expected it to be, that also will not give you the 24 right to withdraw your guilty plea. Do you understand?

Yes, ma'am.

THE DEFENDANT:

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THE COURT: The penalties for the offense in Count 1 include a sentence of not more than ten years in prison or a fine of not more than \$500,000 or both. Do you understand?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. I do.

THE COURT: The penalties for Count 2 include a sentence of not more than 20 years in prison or a fine of not more than \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved in the transaction, whichever is greater; or you may receive a sentence of imprisonment and a fine. Do you understand?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: At sentencing, you will have to pay a 100-dollar assessment for each count for a total of \$200. Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am.

THE COURT: Also, after any sentence of imprisonment that you receive, you will be placed on supervised release for a period of not less than two years and not more than three years for Count 1, and a term of supervised release of not more than three years for Count 2. Do you understand?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am.

THE COURT: Conditions of supervised release will be explained to you at sentencing and you will have to follow all of those conditions. If you violate a condition, your supervised release term could be revoked, and you could be

sentenced to a term of imprisonment equal to the length of 1 2 the supervised release term. Do you understand? Yes. ma'am. 3 THE DEFENDANT: 4 THE COURT: After you complete that sentence of imprisonment, you could be placed on supervised release 5 6 agai n. Do you understand? Yes. ma'am. 7 THE DEFENDANT: 8 THE COURT: You will not be released on parole from any sentence of imprisonment that you receive. 9 Do you 10 understand? 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 12 THE COURT: By pleading guilty, you are exposing 13 yourself to the maximum and minimum penalties I've just 14 described to you. Do you understand? 15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 16 THE COURT: Before sentencing, the Probation Office 17 will complete a Presentence Report that you will have the 18 opportunity to review with your lawyer and make objections 19 After I rule on all of the objections, I will determine 20 your sentence by taking into consideration the information in 21 the Presentence Report; other information that you or the 22 government provide to me before or at sentencing; the 23 Sentencing Guidelines; and all other factors that the law 24 requires me to consider. Do you understand?

Yes, ma'am.

THE DEFENDANT:

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1 THE COURT: Do you have any questions about the 2 penalties that you're facing or about anything that I've said 3 to you this morning? THE DEFENDANT: No. ma'am. I don't. 4 Please tell me what you did in THE COURT: 5 6 connection with Counts 1 and 2. I was roommates with Mr. Campbell. 7 THE DEFENDANT: 8 I was directed and took money from Mr. Campbell to Western 9 Union offices and sent that money to certain places that I 10 was told to. And in return, steroids came from those places 11 in my post-office box and other post-office boxes that were 12 paid for by Mr. Campbell. 13 THE COURT: Well, let me ask you, Mr. Bailey: 14 you know that the money that you were sent that these were 15 wire transfers or Western Union transfers that you were sending to other countries? 16 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 18 THE COURT: Did you know that they were for the 19 purchase of anabolic steroids? 20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. 21 You knew that at the time that you were THE COURT: 22 doing it? 23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. I did. 24 THE COURT: Did Mr. Campbell or anyone else force 25 you to do this?

1 THE DEFENDANT: There was no coercion, ma'am, no. 2 THE COURT: You did it voluntarily? 3 THE DEFENDANT: I did it voluntarily. THE COURT: 4 All right. You and the government have 5 agreed that the quantity of anabolic steroids that is 6 attributable to you is at least one kilogram and not more 7 than 2.5 kilograms. Is that correct? 8 THE DEFENDANT: That is -- yes, ma'am. Now tell me about the money laundering 9 THE COURT: count. 10 What did you do in connection with that? 11 THE DEFENDANT: Again, ma'am, I took money from Mr. Campbell. I sent it to places that I was directed to 12 13 send it to. He gave me pieces of paper with specific 14 instructions; countries; names; things of that nature. I 15 took the money from him. I took them to the Western Union 16 office; Schnucks; all around St. Louis, Missouri. And I've 17 sent it to other countries to the people I was instructed to. 18 THE COURT: 0kay. Were you involved with 19 Mr. Campbell in concealing the proceeds from the sales of 20 anabolic steroids? 21 THE DEFENDANT: My only involvement was to send the 22 money, Your Honor. 23 MR. KESSLER: Judge, the purpose was to send it in someone's name other than Mr. Campbell's thereby concealing 24 25 the proceeds that Mr. Campbell had received.

1 THE DEFENDANT: From that aspect then, yes, ma'am. So the money that was being sent for the 2 THE COURT: 3 purchase of anabolic steroids, the source -- the true source of that money -- was not disclosed. Is that right? 4 THE DEFENDANT: No. ma'am. 5 6 THE COURT: And the packages that contained the anabolic steroids were sent to your post-office box? 7 Yes. ma'am. 8 THE DEFENDANT: Was that a post-office box that was held 9 THE COURT: 10 in your name? 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. My post-office box 12 is -- the post-office boxes that were used were purchased in 13 my name, his name was also attached to them so that he could 14 receive shipments there. 15 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, were some of these shipments 16 or these post-office boxes in the name of Midwest Securities? 17 THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am. They were all in my 18 The post-office boxes were -- shipments were sent to name. 19 the post-office boxes to Midwest Securities, but the 20 post-offices boxes were rented in my name. 21 MR. KESSLER: Judge, if I might? I mean, the 22 purpose of renting them in his name was to conceal 23 Mr. Campbell or Midwestern. I'm not sure that he knew every 24 name of shipments that might be coming, because obviously his 25 purpose was to conceal whatever was coming under whatever

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      name; and by using his post-office box help them to conceal
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      those shipments.
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               THE COURT:
                           All right. Mr. Bailey, were you
      involved in these conspiracies with Mr. Campbell in the
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      St. Louis area?
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               THE DEFENDANT:
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               THE COURT:
                           And were you involved in the
      conspiracies in Counts 1 and 2 at any time between June of
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      2007 and June of 2012?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. I met Mr. Campbell in
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      2009.
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               THE COURT:
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                                  Mr. Bailey, if you still have a
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      copy of the plea agreement, please turn to page four.
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      is a Statement of Facts that begins at the top of that page
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      and ends at the bottom of page six. Did you review that
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      Statement of Facts with your lawyer?
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                               Yes, ma'am, I did.
               THE DEFENDANT:
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               THE COURT: Do you agree with this Statement of
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      Facts?
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               THE DEFENDANT:
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               THE COURT:
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               THE DEFENDANT:
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                           Based on the defendant's statements
               THE COURT:
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      under oath and the Statement of Facts in the plea agreement,
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I find that the defendant is competent to enter a plea of guilty; that he is pleading guilty voluntarily and intelligently; and his guilty plea has a factual basis establishing all of the elements of the offenses charged in Counts 1 and 2.

I'm sorry. Would you all step up for a moment?
(Whereupon, a sealed sidebar conference took place.)

THE COURT: I will accept the defendant's guilty plea and sentencing will be on December 18th at 9:30.

According to the Pretrial Services Office, Mr. Bailey had one violation of the conditions of his bond that occurred in July maybe a week or so after he was released; that was testing positive for marijuana but there have been no violations since then. Is there any objection to continuing the defendant's release?

MS. WINFIELD: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, all of the conditions of your bond will remain in effect. One of those conditions is that you appear as required. And if you violate that condition, you could be charged with a new crime. Violation of the appearance condition or any other condition of the bond could result in a revocation of your release. Do you understand?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: If you have any questions about the bond

1	conditions, you should talk to your lawyer or to the Pretrial
2	Services Officer, and they should be able to answer any
3	questions that you have. Do you have any questions about the
4	bond conditions this morning?
5	THE DEFENDANT: No, ma'am.
6	THE COURT: Is there anything else on this case?
7	MS. WINFIELD: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
8	MR. KESSLER: No, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: All right. We're in recess.
10	(Proceedings concluded at 10:32.)
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1	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI; DECEMBER 18, 2012
2	10:15 a.m.
3	SENTENCI NG HEARI NG
4	THE COURT: United States V. John Thomas Bailey.
5	Good morning.
6	MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Your Honor. Nick
7	Williams on behalf of Mr. Bailey.
8	THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, did you receive a copy of
9	the Presentence Report?
10	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
11	THE COURT: And have you reviewed the report with
12	your lawyer?
13	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
14	THE COURT: I seem to be missing something. Excuse
15	me one moment. There was an objection or objections to the
16	Presentence Report. And all of these objections are based on
17	the assessment of a six-level enhancement under section
18	2(s)(1.1)(b)(1) of the guidelines. And as reflected in the
19	Presentence Report, in the plea agreement, the parties agreed
20	to a two-level enhancement under Section $2(s)(1.3)(b)(1)$, and
21	the Probation Office determined that that was not correct.
22	So what about this, Mr. Williams?
23	MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, our position is that we
24	rely on the plea agreement that was made with the government.
25	In that plea agreement, the total offense level was

calculated to be 23 compared to the 27 that was later
calculated by the Probation Office.

THE COURT: Well, I understand you want the Court to
apply the guideline that provides for the two-level increase.

But tell me: Why does that apply?

MR. WILLIAMS: It's applicable, because that was the agreement we made with the government as submitted by the government. And based on the total offense level calculated in the plea agreement, Mr. Bailey agreed to that.

THE COURT: Okay. Let me try this again, because maybe we're talking past each other. Just because you and the government agreed to a particular guideline, if it's the wrong guideline, it's the wrong guideline. I mean, you could have agreed that the base offense level for this crime was six. That would be wrong. So you've agreed to a two-level increase based on Section 2(s)(1.3)(b)(1), and you're asking me to apply it simply because that's what you agreed to?

MR. WILLIAMS: Your Honor, I will defer to the Court as to how you apply it. I don't mean to restate myself but --

THE COURT: Yes, I think you do. I'm trying to understand. I'm not trying to play games.

MR. WILLIAMS: I mean I'm not --

THE COURT: If you're telling me, you know, "This is what with we agreed to and I want you to enforce our

agreement or respect our agreement whether it was right or wrong," that's fine. If you're telling me that this six-level guideline doesn't apply, then that's another thing.

MR. WILLIAMS: And I'm not saying that, Judge.

THE COURT: Okay. Good. All right. Ms. Winfield, do you have anything you want to say about this?

MS. WINFIELD: Yes, Your Honor. My understanding, after speaking with Mr. Williams, is the PSR is calculated correctly. I believe Mr. Williams is just asking that the Court apply our plea agreement at this point in time because we realize there was a mistake made in our assessment. So, at this time, the government of course has no objection, because we didn't file any objection. I just believe that, after speaking with Mr. Williams, he's just asking the Court to apply our plea agreement. It wasn't the assessment by Probation Office, which is correct.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. I understand now.

Well, here's the thing: Whether this two-level increase that you all agreed to resulted from mistake or oversight, I don't know. But clearly this is not the guideline that applies in this case. And I know that I told Mr. Bailey at the time of his plea that I'm not bound by any agreement that he and the government may have concerning the guidelines; and that I make an independent determination of the guidelines, which might be different from the agreement;

and that's exactly what has happened here. I also know that he was told at the time of his plea that if he disagreed with my determination of the guidelines or if he received a sentence that was worse than he expected, that that would not entitle him to withdraw his guilty plea.

And that is the situation that we have today. Mr. Bailey is facing a higher guideline range because the guideline 2(s)(1.1)(b)(1) applies, which provides for a six-level increase in his offense level as opposed to the two-level increase that he had hoped for.

There is no dispute that the 2(s)(1.1)(b)(1) guideline applies in this case. And I believe it is appropriate to apply that guideline. So the defendant's objection to the Presentence Report is overruled. I understand that you are asking that the Court give effect to your plea agreement. That is certainly one thing that I will take into consideration in making the ultimate determination about sentencing, but I don't believe that giving respect to the plea agreement supports the objection that has been made. So the objection is overruled.

There were on objections filed by the government.

So the Court will adopt the factual statements of the

Presentence Report as its Findings of Fact.

In addition to the Presentence Report, I received letters that were written. There were a couple of letters

that I received from a Mr. Chote and a Miss Sanderson 1 2 (phonetic). Should I have received any other letters? Yes. ma'am. You should have 3 THE DEFENDANT: received one from my grandmother Joyce Caster; one from a 4 Julie Commanshield; one from Cad Corsey; one from Bruce 5 6 English; one from Tim Davis (phonetic). Were those mailed directly to me? 7 THE COURT: THE DEFENDANT: Yes. ma'am. 8 THE COURT: I'm sorry, Mr. Bailey, they were not 9 When letters are written to me directly concerning 10 recei ved. 11 a defendant about to be sentenced, I routinely forward those 12 letters to the Clerk's Office for filing. And that's what I 13 did with respect to the two letters that I just mentioned. 14 If I received letters from those other individuals, I would 15 have done the same thing. So I'm not sure why I didn't get 16 them, but I didn't receive them. I'm sorry. 17 Okay. And, Mr. Williams, are you aware of anything 18 else that I should have received on Mr. Bailey's behalf? 19 MR. WI LLI AMS: Nothing, other than the letters that 20 he previously mentioned, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Is there any legal 22 reason that sentence should not be imposed at this time? 23 MR. WI LLI AMS: Yes, Your Honor. May we approach? Oh, I'm sorry, there is one other 24 THE COURT: Yes. 25 thing: I did receive the motion this morning from the

government. Is that what you want to talk about?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay.

(Whereupon, a sealed sidebar conference took place.)

THE COURT: With respect to the government's motion, it is based on Section 5(k)(1.1) of the guidelines and Section 3553(a) of Title 18. The motion has been filed under seal. We've had some discussion here at the bench, and our bench conference will also be sealed. I believe that both parties have had the opportunity to address the issue. And based on the information in the motion, the written motion as well as the additional information submitted at the bench, I believe that a downward departure based on section 5(k)(1.1) of the guidelines is appropriate in this case and is supported by the information before me.

At present, under the advisory guidelines,
Mr. Bailey's range of imprisonment for this case is 120
months. I'm sorry. 130 to 162 months. Yes. That's the
current range. Okay. The range as far as Count 1, however,
is 120 months because that's the statutory maximum for that
count.

You know, there are a number of factors that the Court has to consider in determining an appropriate downward departure, whether one is warranted and to what extent the departure should be. I know that the parties have some

dispute with respect to one of the guideline factors, which is under section 5(k)(1.1)(a)(1). You've both expressed your different points of view with respect to Mr. Bailey's compliance with that factor. However, I think it is appropriate to give greater weight to the government's evaluation of the significance and usefulness of the defendant's assistance, including any information that tends to detract from that. And I've considered that factor as well as the other factors.

And the overall impression that I have from reading the motions and hearing the information that you all provided to me is that while Mr. Bailey's assistance might warrant a downward departure. It was pretty minimal compared to the kinds of assistance that is provided in other cases in which a downward departure motion is being considered.

My impression is that -- and this is not to say that he held back anything -- maybe this was all that he could do. And that's fine. But it, in my view, is pretty minimal. And I think that any significant downward departure would be -- would not be warranted particularly in light of the -- the fact that other defendants are able and have done a lot more than this and have been granted substantial or significant downward departures. Again, I can only characterize Mr. Bailey's cooperation in this case as "minimal" but still sufficient enough to warrant a downward departure.

1 So the government's motion will be granted. That's 2 Document Number 72, and I believe that a departure downward 3 to 125 months is warranted under the circumstances. Now, Mr. Williams, you wanted to address the issue 4 of a variance. The Probation Office in paragraph 112 of the 5 6 Presentence Report identified factors that it believes should 7 be considered for determining whether a variance should be 8 granted in this case. Is there anything that you want to add or supplement 9 to this? 10 11 MR. WI LLI AMS: No, Your Honor, we would just adopt 12 paragraph 112 of the Presentence Investigation Report as part 13 of our argument. 14 THE COURT: Okay. Is there any response from the 15 government? 16 MS. WI NFI ELD: Your Honor, with response to the 17 adoption of paragraph 112? 18 THE COURT: On the issue of a variance. Do you 19 believe that a variance is appropriate or not? 20 MS. WI NFI ELD: Oh, in this particular case, Your 21 Honor, we would not object to a variance based off of the 22 information in paragraph 112. 23 Well, I have considered those factors, THE COURT:

and there's no dispute as to the accuracy of the information

regarding Mr. Bailey's childhood and the issues that he

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My concern is this: Mr. Bailey has a pretty lengthy criminal history, which includes a prior federal conviction for felon-in-possession of a firearm. And, in fact, he was under a criminal justice sentence at the time that he committed the crime in this case. I am also concerned about Mr. Bailey's extensive history of substance abuse and his noncompliance with the conditions of his pretrial release. I also consider that Mr. Bailey, according to the Presentence Report, did not indicate any interest in participating in a substance abuse program or in any mental health treatment while incarcerated. And that's certainly his choice.

The problem that I face is this: While there may be factors that warrant consideration for a downward variance, I believe that a downward variance would result in a sentence that would not adequately reflect the seriousness of his crimes, after taking into account Mr. Bailey's history and characteristics. I don't believe that a sentence below the point to which I have already departed would be sufficient to address the goals of the federal sentencing laws.

And I also believe that a sentence below the departure point would not promote respect for the law on Mr. Bailey's part. So while I agree that there may be factors warranting a downward variance and I've considered those factors, I don't believe that a downward variance is

1 appropriate in this case. So that request is denied. Is there any reason that sentence should not be 2 3 imposed at this time? MR. WILLIAMS: No. Your Honor. 4 MS. WI NFI ELD: No. Your Honor. 5 6 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Bailey, is there anything you'd like to say? 7 Yes. ma'am. 8 THE DEFENDANT: 9 THE COURT: Go ahead, please. 10 THE DEFENDANT: Ma'am, I understand that my 11 participation in this crime was voluntary. I understand that 12 my participation in this crime perhaps enabled the crime to 13 But I was not the center of this crime. I was in a 14 position where I was out of work. I was living with 15 Mr. Campbell, he was putting a roof over my head. 16 I did not make any benefits from this crime nor did 17 I set out to defraud the government in any way, shape, or 18 I did not participate in any money laundering 19 activities, other than me sending out Western Union's for Mr. 20 I didn't even get money off of the rent for that. Campbell. 21 I mean, that was just something I was so far in debt with 22 him -- I was \$4,500 in debt with him -- that I felt somewhat 23 obligated to help him in any way, shape, or form that I could 24 and had provided a roof over my head. 25 I was out of work and I didn't have any place to

live. I reaped no benefits from this \$436,000 or whatever it is. That was not money that went to me. The \$40,000 -- \$30,900 that I sent out in Western Union's was not even my name. It was money that I took from Mr. Campbell with instructions from Mr. Campbell to send to people he told me to send it to. The benefits of the steroids that were returned to this country were totally reaped by him. They were not reaped by me.

The DEA officer sat out in the farm and watched me log and work every day, six days a week in order to pay Mr. Campbell back the \$4500 that I owed him. And I did so. Had I known the legal ramifications of my sending that money out, I would have never, ever agreed to it. I didn't do this to hurt anyone. I did this to keep myself stable; to keep myself a roof over my head; and a place to live and a place to work so that I could see my children and be with my family.

I've worked from 1998 for the same company that closed down in 2009. And from then on, it was just a job here and a job there. The things that I did when was 18-years-old, I was 18-years-old. I was put in a situation that -- I was raised in a violent situation. And when people approached me with violence -- more than one person -- I reacted in a way that kept me from harm. But I didn't overreact.

I didn't continually hurt anyone. I defused the situation with one swing, and that was it. And because of that, when I was 18-years-old -- when I was 28-years-old the police were called to my house and a gun was taken from my home that was under my bed. That wasn't used to participate in any crime whatsoever. It was simply there for self-defense. That's all it was there for.

They took the gun. And because of what I did when I was 18-years-old, they put me in prison for four years. I had received a sentence of 57 months. And at that time, that was the longest sentence I had done. I have not hurt anyone in my mind ever since I was a child. I have not possessed a handgun or any kind of gun since the federal system put me away for it.

I have not repeated any crime that I have committed. Any crime that I have been punished of, I was punished, and I learned. I learned and I shied away from them. Had I known that sending that money out was going to result in the loss of years of my life, had I known that that was even a possibility, I would not have taken that action. I would have lived on the street before I would have lived in a cage. I'm asking you for mercy; justice. Something to help me.

The four years that I spent in federal prison made me a very angry individual. It took six years to get most of that out of me, which most of it's out. But now we're

talking about ten years, and I just don't know that I have that in me, Your Honor. I really don't. I mean you can look on my criminal history. You can look at my records, but you don't know my situation. I mean I never went out with the intention to hurt anyone.

The felon-in-possession of a firearm, I was under the impression -- I understand that ignorance of the law is not an excuse, but it was my impression that there was a statute of limitations. The statute of limitations didn't exist in the federal system. Had I known it was illegal for me to own a gun in my home, which I was raised by Marines and police and very big constitutionalists, I thought that that was something that was legal. And when I found out that it wasn't, I found out the hard way. Very hard way.

I've missed seven years of my daughter's life. She is 21-years-old now. I have a four-year-old daughter now. I don't want to miss her growing up too. And to miss all of this because of someone else's money, because of someone else's gain, I -- I gained nothing. I didn't get free steroids for myself in this case, ma'am. I still had to pay for everything.

As far as my distribution aspect of it, I had a few friends from the gym that I sold a few bottles to now and again. The weight of this is not on me nor would I have allowed it to be on me. I had no idea how big Mr. Campbell's

operation was. He did not disclose those things to me. He kept his own records, and he kept all of that to himself. I had no idea there was \$400,000 on this case. I -- I really could not fathom it, because I did not see any of it. None of it came to me.

So I'm asking you -- I'm begging you -- I will lay prostrate in front of you if I have to, please do not break me as a person completely down. I didn't do this to hurt anybody. I really didn't. And if you can find some way to help me out of this situation, I would not by any means, shape, or form relinquish that chance.

THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Williams?

MR. WILLIAMS: Nothing further, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Ms. Winfield?

MS. WINFIELD: Nothing further, Judge.

THE COURT: Well, as I said before, Mr. Bailey, I have to determine a sentence that is sufficient but not greater than necessary to address the goals of the federal sentencing laws, and I have considered your history and characteristics in making that determination. I also have considered the seriousness of these offenses.

You know, I listened very carefully to what you just said, and you spoke very passionately; and I certainly sensed what I assume is some sadness on your part about the situation that you find yourself in. But what is very

troubling to me is that much of what you said was an effort to minimize your involvement in these crimes.

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Maybe Mr. Campbell was the mastermind. I don't know. But you clearly were involved in these crimes, and you knew exactly what you were doing. And for you to stand up here and say, "Well, gee. If I had known that it was going to be this bad, I would have never done it, " that just doesn't make sense. Because just a few weeks ago or months ago, you stood here and said under oath when you pled guilty that you knew what you were doing; and you knew it was a crime. So, you know, maybe you didn't realize that you could go to prison for as long as you can for these crimes. But as you pointed out, ignorance of the law is no excuse.

You talk about your never having hurt anybody. You have a conviction for assault -- well, one felony conviction for assault second, where, according to the Presentence Report, you followed the victim to a mobile home park; got out of your car; and hit the victim with a wooden club and broke the victim's hand. That's pretty violent. And I don't know how you can say you didn't intend to hurt anybody. Clearly, you did. And you were convicted of that, and you received a sentence of imprisonment in the Department of Corrections for that crime.

As far as the felon-in-possession crime is concerned, I cannot imagine anyone thinking that there's some

kind of statute of limitations on when a felon can possess a firearm. It was illegal for you to possess a firearm. You were convicted of that. And this was a shotgun that was found in your possession. And the only reason the police found it was because they were called to your house by a woman who claimed that you had assaulted her sexually.

So, you know, those are just two examples of the criminal activity you've been involved in. And I find it difficult to accept that someone who is certainly no stranger to the criminal justice system can stand here and suggest that, you know, he served as an innocent dupe in all of this activity. You were not. And, you know, I agree that the sentence of imprisonment in this case is a long one. No question about it.

But, you know, it could have been longer but for the downward departure. And I believe that the sentence is appropriate. The aggregate sentence of 125 months is appropriate to promote respect for the law and to address the issues of punishment, deterrence, and incapacitation.

So for those reasons it will be the Judgment of the Court that you be committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of 120 months on Count 1, and for a term of 125 months on Count 2. The terms of imprisonment will run concurrently for an aggregate term of 125 months.

Following your release from prison, you'll be placed on supervised release for a period of two years on each count. The terms of supervised release will also run concurrently. While you are on supervised release, you'll have to follow the standard conditions of supervision that the Court has adopted, as well as some additional conditions. If there are any costs associated with your compliance with these conditions, you will have to pay those costs based on the copayment fee schedule established by the Probation Office.

The first condition is that you not use any controlled substance unlawfully; and that you submit to a drug test within the first 15 days of your supervised release term and submit to at least two drug tests after that.

As a further condition, you'll have to participate in a substance abuse treatment program as directed by the Probation Office, and that program will include drug counselling and drug testing.

As a further condition, you will not be permitted to drink any alcoholic beverages or use any intoxicants.

It will also be a condition that you participate in a mental health evaluation; and that you follow any recommendations resulting from that evaluation, including participation in a mental health program approved by the Probation Office.

It will also be a condition that you participate in a domestic violence counselling program approved by the Probation Office; and that you participate in a cognitive behavioral treatment program as directed by the Probation Office.

As a further condition, you will not be permitted to maintain or purchase any post-office box or private mailbox or storage unit or locker or other facility without first receiving the written approval of the Probation Office.

And, finally, it will be a condition that you submit yourself, your home, your office, and your vehicle to a search by the Probation Office if there is reasonable suspicion that contraband or evidence of a supervised release violation present. You will be responsible for warning others that this search condition is in effect.

Was there a forfeiture as to Mr. Bailey as well?

MS. WINFIELD: Yes, Your Honor. The defendant consented to a money judgment of \$30,978; as well as a forfeiture allegation which included \$6,482; a 2008 Chrysler 300 LX; and 2008 BMW 535i.

THE COURT: Where is the Consent to the Money Judgment of \$30,000? Was that filed?

MR. WILLIAMS: That is included in the plea agreement, Your Honor.

MS. WINFIELD: Your Honor, it's on top of page 13.

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The bottom of the first paragraph.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, here's what I am going to do: In the Judgment, the defendant will forfeit to the United States the sum of \$6,482 as well as all interest that he has in the motor vehicles that are described in the plea agreement on page two. As far as the \$30,000, if this is a Consent Judgment, then that is something separate from the forfeiture, and that's something that the two of you will need to submit to the Court.

All right. There will be no fine; however, there is a \$200 assessment which is due in full today.

Was there a waiver of appeal in this case?

MS. WINFIELD: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, if you think your waiver of appeal isn't enforceable, then you may file a Notice of Appeal within 14 days of today. If the Notice is not filed on time, you could lose your right to appeal. If you are unable to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you free of charge. Also, you'll be allowed to file the notice free of charge if you can't pay the filing fee.

It will be Mr. Williams' responsibility to either file the Notice of Appeal for you or to file a statement with the Court that you do not wish to appeal this judgment.

Do you understand your appeal rights?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

1 THE COURT: Is there any recommendation you'd like 2 me to make to BOP? 3 MR. WI LLI AMS: Your Honor, Mr. Bailey has family in both Springfield, Missouri, and St. Louis, Missouri. 4 We 5 would just request that he be placed as close as possible to 6 either of those locations. I will include that recommendation in 7 THE COURT: 8 the Judgment. Thank you, Your Honor. 9 MR. WI LLI AMS: 10 THE COURT: Anything else? 11 MR. WI LLI AMS: Nothing for the defense. 12 THE COURT: Well, unless you object, I will 13 recommend that Mr. Bailey be allowed to participate in the 14 Residential Drug Abuse Program if he is eligible to do so. 15 But if that's not something you're interested in, I won't 16 recommend it. 17 THE DEFENDANT: I'm interested in it. 18 THE COURT: I will also recommend that Mr. Bailey be 19 allowed to participate in any vocational training programs 20 that may be available in BOP, unless you object to that. 21 THE DEFENDANT: No. ma'am. 22 MR. WI LLI AMS: No objection. 23 THE COURT: Finally -- and this is not subject to 24 discussion -- I am going to recommend that Mr. Bailey 25 participate in a mental health program during his

incarceration. Okay. Is there anything else on this case?

MS. WINFIELD: No, Judge.

MR. WILLIAMS: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Oh, I'm sorry, there is something else. On the issue of bond, I don't know if you want to be heard on the issue of voluntary surrender. I am willing to hear whatever you have to say.

MR. WILLIAMS: Your Honor, our position is that Mr. Bailey be allowed to voluntarily surrender himself. You know, at this time, he is no flight risk, despite the severe sentence that he faces.

In his time out on bond, he has committed no other criminal acts and is not a danger to the community. And also, Your Honor, he is very close to his two grandparents. And, you know, this may be the last time that he does have with them. So on behalf of Mr. Bailey, I would just request that he be allowed to voluntarily surrender and spend his last few months or time out with them. And, Your Honor, Mr. Bailey would like to add to that.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, as far as the violations of my pretrial release, I believe I have three -- three instances where I didn't show up for a urinalysis, which all of those instances. I called Michael Moran (phonetic), my officer.

The first instance, I had asked for permission to go to Jefferson City. At which point, when I went to Jefferson City, asked for my previous federal release with Raoul Williams. I had a urinalysis while I was up in Jefferson City. I didn't have to call in or anything like that. He made it aware to me that that wasn't the case this time.

The second time I actually had vehicular problems. My tire was flat, and it was 6:30 at night. I had to be there by 7:00.

The third instance, I was actually working on a Saturday; and my boss called him, and I called him, and I called everybody possible. Tried to go in the next day for it. Those are the three instances in which I did not comply, but it wasn't voluntary noncompliance, if you will.

I've been taking six urinalysises every month (sic).

I've been taking the guidance of counseling through their services twice month, and I have not missed those. I missed one guidance counseling, but I made it up the very next week.

THE COURT: Well, according to the report from the Pretrial Services Office, Mr. Bailey had one positive urinalysis for the use of marijuana. And that was in July, which would have been shortly after his arrest in this case. However, there were one, two, three, four scheduled urinalysis testing appointments that were missed. And the Pretrial Services Office felt that those misses were serious

1 enough to warrant increasing the number of drug tests; and 2 the number of counseling sessions; and to warrant verbal The Pretrial Services Office has recommended 3 repri mands. 4 that Mr. Bailey not remain on bond due to his poor adjustment 5 on supervision. 6 I believe probably the only reason I allowed 7 Mr. Bailey to remain free on bond following his guilty plea was to enable him to provide substantial assistance for 8 9 purposes of the downward departure motion. And I don't believe it is appropriate today to continue his release, in 10 11 light of the sentence that has been imposed in this case as well as his conduct while on pretrial release. 12 So the 13 defendant's request for voluntary surrender is denied and,

the defendant is remanded to the custody of the Marshal's Service.

Is there anything else?

MS. WINFIELD: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. We are in recess.

(Proceedings concluded at 11:11.)

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